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SUBJECT: MFM WORKING GROUP ON ENTERPRISES

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1. ECONCOUN DISCUSSED SUBJECT MEETING WITH RESPONSIBLE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL, AMBASSADOR VICIOSO, WHO INDICATED GODR POSITION QUOTE WOULD BE MUCH CLOSER TO THAT OF USG THAN THAT OF ARGENTINA UNQUOTE. BY WAY OF ELABORATION, VICIOSO SAID HE FELT ARGENTINIANS WERE MOVING TOO RAPIDLY AND TOO FAR ON THIS SUBJECT. VICIOSO STRESSED THE WORD QUOTE STUDY UNQUOTE IN DESCRIBING WHAT HE CONSIDERED TO BE THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE WORKING GROUP.

2. GODR DELEGATION, HEADED BY DOMINICAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S. ORTIZ, WILL ALSO INCLUDE DR. LUIS RAUL BETANCES OF GODR EMBASSY WASHINGTON; AND ING. FERNANDO PERICHE, DIRECTOR OF THE DOMINICAN CENTER FOR EXPORT PROMOTION (CEDOPEX). WHEN CONTACTED DIRECTLY BY TELEPHONE, PERICHE WAS STILL UNCERTAIN ABOUT TRAVEL SCHEDULE OR WHETHER HIS WIFE WOULD ACCOMPANY HIM.

3. COMMENT: IN REFTTEL B., EMBASSY REPORTED PERICHE'S INTEREST IN CALLING NEXT WEEK AT SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE'S OFFICE TO DISCUSS GSP LIST, AND WE SUGGESTED STATE/ARA
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MIGHT ALSO WISH TO SEE HIM BECAUSE OF HIS IMPORTANCE IN THE

GODR AND HIS MEMBERSHIP ON THE COMMISSION NEGOTIATING BAUXITE
WITH ALCOA.

4. ECOUNCOUN EARLIER OFFERED TO ASSIST PERICHE WITH WASHINGTON
APPOINTMENTS. WITH ALL GODR ACTIVITIES NOW BEING OVER-
SHADOWED, IF NOT PREEMPTED, THROUGH THIS WEEK-END BY PRESIDENT
BALAGUER'S RE-INAUGURATION, AND PERICHE'S TRAVEL STILL NOT
FIRMED UP, EVEN THOUGH MFM WORKING GROUP BEGINS MONDAY,
WE ARE GIVING HIM NAMES OF COUNTRY DIRECTOR JOHN BURKE
AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GEORGE HIGH. WE WILL ALSO COMMUNICATE
FURTHER IF WE LEARN MORE OF PERICHE'S PLANS.
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